

ABSTRACT

A polyethylene garment protector, extensively used by garment manufacturers to protect garments in transport to and from various facilities such as, factories, distribution centers, and retail establishments. The garment protector is also commonly used by garment pressers or

5 cleaners for the delivery or storage of pressed or cleaned garments mounted on conventional garment hangers. Furthermore, the polyethylene garment protector can also be used to enclose other textiles or goods that may be stored, shipped and/or sold in hanging form. The polyethylene garment protector is provided with at least one zone of weakness on either the front side, back side or both sides of such garment protectors, along which the garment protector may

40 be severed to facilitate its removal so that the enclosed garment is not wrinkled or mussed. Essentially, the zone of weakness provides tear lines upon which the envelope may be opened to facilitate separating the protector and the enclosed garment. The zone of weakness may include minute perforations, which can vary in size and shape. Furthermore, the material of which the garment protector is made may also be partially but not completely severed along the linear zone of weakness. Alternatively, the zone of weakness may comprise a strip of thinner and less resilient material than the adjacent material from which the envelope is made, which can be easily torn.